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SUBJ: REACTIONS TO PAKISTAN RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH

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1. BASKING IN THE HEADY AIR OF ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY  
INDUCED BY THE LAHORE SUMMIT, PAKISTANIS APPEAR, BY  
THE LARGE, TO HAVE REACTED FAVORABLY AND MATTER OF  
FACTLY TO BHUTTO'S RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH. MANY  
APPARENTLY BELIEVE THAT RECOGNITION WILL EVENTUALLY  
BRING REDUCECD INDIAN INFLUENCE IN BANGLADESH AND,  
MORE EMOTIONALLY, THAT TIES WITH MUSLIM BENGALI BROTHERS  
ARE NATURAL AND DESIRABLE. USUAL GOVERNMENT  
PERSONALITIES, PRO-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, ETC., HAVE  
ISSUED STATEMENTS ENDORSING RECOGNITION. ONLY SOUR NOTES  
STRUCK HAVE COME FROM JAMAAT-I-ISLAMI, ITS STUDENT WING  
AND FROM ASGHAR KHAN'S TEHRIK-I-ISTIGLAL. THESE HAVE  
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FOCUSED ON RECOGNITION, PER SE, NOT THE MANNER IN WHICH

RECOGNITION WAS GRANTED NOR THE TERMS OF RECOGNITION, I.E., WITHOUT SPECIFIC RECIPROCITY ON 195 POWS. JAMAAT STUDENTS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO MOUNT PUBLIC PROTESTS IN LAHORE, RAWALPINDI, AND PESHAWAR, INCLUDING A DEMONSTRATION AT THE FEBRUARY 26 RAWALPINDI AIRPORT ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR COLONEL QADDAFI WHICH WAS SWIFTLY DISPERSED BY POLICE. A NUMBER OF STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN VARIOUS LOCALES IN PUNJAB AND SMALL SCALE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE CONTINUING IN RAWALPINDI.

2. THESE FEW MUTED OBJECTIONS HAVE BEEN DROWNED OUT BY HERO'S WELCOME ACCORDED COLONEL QADDAFI IN LAHORE, RAWALPINDI, PESHAWAR AND KARACHI. QADDAFI HIMSELF HAS REPEATEDLY STRESSED RIGHTNESS OF BHUTTO'S DECISION TO RECOGNIZE AND BHUTTO'S SAGACITY IN GENERAL. QADDAFI HAS TURNED OUT TO BE REMARKABLY EFFECTIVE PUBLICIST FOR BHUTTO.

3. CONGEN KARACHI REPORTS THAT THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC REGARDING TRADING POSSIBILITIES WITH BANGLADESH ON THE BASIS OF ECONOMIC COMPLEMENTARITY. THEY BELIEVE TRADE COULD COME SOON IF BANGLADESH AGREES NOT TO MAKE A SETTLEMENT ON THE ALLOCATION OF DEBTS AND ASSETS A PRECONDITION TO RESUMPTION OF TRADE, AND IF INDIA DOES NOT ACTIVELY OPPOSE RESUMPTION OF OLD TRADING RELATIONSHIPS.

4. SENATE AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAVE BEEN SUMMONED FOR JOINT SESSION MARCH 3 REPORTEDLY TO DELETE REFERENCE IN CONSTITUTION TO PROVINCE OF "EAST PAKISTAN," REFERENCE WHICH UNDERSTANABLY CAUSED IRRITATION IN BANGLADESH WHEN ORIGINALLY INSERTED IN CONSTITUTION.

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